

In the specification

On page 1 of the specification, please amend the section entitled "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" as follows:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/638,099, filed on August 11, 2000 (now U.S. Pat. No. 6,629,909), which in turn (1) is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application Ser. No. 09/072,765, filed on May 5, 1998 (now U.S. Pat. No. 6,171,215), which in turn, is a continuation-in-part of both United States Patent Application Ser. No. 08/839,990, filed on April 24, 1997 (now U.S. Pat. No. 5,893,820), and United States Patent Application Ser. No. 09/064,393, filed on April 22, 1997 (now U.S. Pat. No. 5,882,281), the latter of which, in turn, is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application Ser. No. 08/839,991, filed on April 24, 1997 (now U.S. Pat. No. 5,803,871); and (2) is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/678,352, filed on October 3, 2000 (now U.S. Pat. No. 6,849,033), which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/066,143, filed on April 24, 1998 (now U.S. Pat. No. 6,126,574), which in turn, is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 08/839,991, filed on April 24, 1997 (now U.S. Pat. No. 5,803,871); and (3) is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application Ser. No. 09/510,029, filed on February 22, 2000 (now U.S. Pat. No. 6,338,698), which in turn, is a continuation of United States Patent Application Ser. No. 09/064,368, filed on April 22, 1998 (now U.S. Pat. No. 6,027,431), which in turn, is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent

Application Ser. No. 08/949,508, filed on October 14, 1997 (now abandoned); and discloses subject matter entitled to the earlier filing date of Provisional Application Ser. No. 60/148,304, filed on August 11, 1999.